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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

40 Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated 29 June 2006 ("Office Action"), which set a thirty (30) day period of response.

45 The Office Action required an election of a single disclosed species under 35 USC  
121 "for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim  
is finally held to be allowable."

Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the following species of the invention with  
traverse:

50 Active ingredient – ibuprofen  
hydroxyalkylcellulose – hydroxypropylmethylcellulose  
carbohydrate – mannitol

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Applicant respectfully submits that the claims include sufficiently few species such that a search and examination of all of the species at one time would not impose a serious burden. Therefore Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as claimed in claims 1 – 17 may best be examinable in one application.

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According to the Office Action, this response "must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon," which is set forth below.

Claims that may be readable on the elected species include claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

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It is submitted that the foregoing remarks place the case in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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